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SUBJECT: SAUDI AND JORDANIAN SUPPORT FOR NORTH YEMEN

1. KING HUSSEIN INFORMED US THIS MORNING DURING HIS VISIT THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A DISTURBING CABLE FROM HIS AMBASSADOR IN SANAA. HAMDI APPARENTLY INFORMED JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR THAT BECAUSE OF HIS INABILITY TO GET SUFFICIENT AND TIMELY COOPERATION FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHERS HE WAS FORCED, BECAUSE OF DANGER FROM PDRY, TO SEEK MILITARY AID FROM SOVIET UNION AND PRC. JORDANIANS HAD EARLIER BEEN INFORMED THAT YEMEN WISHED TO HAVE JORDANIAN MILITARY INSTRUCTORS REPLACE SOVIETS.

2. KING HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY HIS AMBASSADOR THAT SAUDI'S FIRST REACTION TO NORTH YEMEN REQUEST WAS TO PER-SUADE THEM TO TAKE PAKISTANI INSTRUCTORS. NORTH YEMEN RESPONDED THAT THEIR TROOPS COULD NOT COMMUNICATE IN ENGLISH. SAUDIS THEN APPARENTLY ARGUED THAT EGYPTIANS SHOULD COME. YEMENI RESPONSE WAS TO STATE THAT PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE HAD
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TURNED THEM OFF EGYPTIANS AND THAT EGYPTIANS WERE NOT

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CONVERSANT ENOUGH WITH WESTERN EQUIPMENT THEY HOPED TO RECEIVE TO BE EFFECTIVE.

3. HUSSEIN IN PASSING ON STORY HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY SOUGHT OUR HELP IN MATTER. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE TOLD HIM WE WOULD LOOK INTO QUESTION TO SEE WHAT MIGHT BE DONE.

4. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY SANAA'S ASSESSMENT THIS REPORT INCLUDING SPECIFIC DANGER POSED TO NORTH YEMEN BY PDRY, LIKELIHOOD OF HAMDI'S TURNING TO SOVIETS AND CHINESE, AND CURRENT STATE OF FEELING IN NORTH YEMEN ABOUT SAUDI AND JORDANIAN REACTIONS TO NORTH YEMEN REQUEST FOR MILITARY HELP. EMBASSY SANAA, IF IT BELIEVES SUCH ADVISABLE, SHOULD CONSULT WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA ON ANY RELEVANT DETAILS. COMMENTS AND INFORMATION FROM JIDDA AND AMMAN ALSO WELCOME. KISSINGER

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